

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for a wireless communication device to provide information about an incident, the method comprising:
 - detecting an activation input associated with an incident event;
 - scanning for at least one remote device;
 - coordinating collection of data with the at least one remote device;
 - recording data relating to the subject matter of the incident event; and
 - transmitting the recorded data to a designated location.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein coordinating collection of data with the at least one remote device includes informing the at least one remote device about the designated location.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving authorization to utilize data obtained by the at least one remote device.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising identifying subject matter of the incident event based on the activation input.
5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - retrieving previously recorded data relating to the subject matter of the incident event; and
 - transmitting the previously recorded data to the designated location.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein:

scanning for the at least one remote device including scanning via a wireless local area network; and

transmitting the recorded data to a designated location includes transmitting via a cellular communication system.

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7. A method for a wireless communication device to provide information about an incident, the method comprising:

detecting, from a remote device, a request signal associated with an incident event;

receiving information from the remote device about a designated location;

recording data relating to the subject matter of the incident event; and

transmitting the recorded data to the designated location.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising identifying subject matter of the incident event based on at least one of: location of the remote device, video characteristics received from the remote device, audio characteristics received from the remote device, and manual input received from a user interface of the remote device.

9. The method of claim 7, further comprising providing authorization to the remote device to utilize the recorded data.

10. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

identifying subject matter of the incident event based on the request signal;

and

requesting more information from the remote device if the subject matter cannot be clearly identified.

11. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

retrieving previously recorded data relating to the subject matter of the incident event; and

transmitting the previously recorded data to the designated location.

12. The method of claim 7, wherein transmitting the recorded data to a designated location includes transmitting via a wireless communication system.

13. A method of a central authority for receiving information about an incident from at least one remote device, the method comprising:

receiving, from a remote device, incident information associated with an incident event;

comparing the incident information to previously received information to identify at least one portion of the previously received information that relates to the incident information, the at least one portion including information received from a device other than the remote device; and

correlate the incident information with the at least one portion of the previously received information that relates to the incident information.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

determine whether other information sources are available; and

request information from the other information sources that are available.

15. The method of claim 13, further comprising reconstructing the incident event based on the incident information and the at least one portion of the previously received information that relates to the incident information.

16. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

identify other devices that may become affected by the incident event; and

alert any devices that may become affected by the incident event.

17. A system for processing information about an incident comprising:

a first wireless communication device including a first short-range transceiver to transmit a request signal and a first media sensor to collect data relating to an incident event in response to a user activation input;

a second wireless communication device including a second short-range transceiver to receive the request signal and a second media sensor to collect data relating to the incident event in response to the request signal; and

a central authority configured to receive the data collected by the first and second wireless communication devices relating to the incident event and performing an action in response to receiving the data.

18. The system of claim 17, further comprising a local server having a third short-range transceiver to receive the request signal and to gather the data collected by the first and second wireless communication devices, the local server configured to forward the gathered data to the central authority.

19. The system of claim 17, wherein the first wireless communication device includes a wireless transceiver to communicate the data collected by the first media sensor to the central authority.

20. The system of claim 17, wherein the second wireless communication device includes a wireless transceiver to communicate the data collected by the second media sensor to the central authority.

21. The system of claim 17, wherein:

the second wireless communication device sends the data collected by the first media sensor to the first wireless communication device via the first and second short-range transceivers; and

the first wireless communication device includes a wireless transceiver to communicate the data collected by the first and second media sensors to the central authority.

22. The system of claim 17, wherein the central authority determines whether other information sources are available and requests information from the other information sources that are available.

23. The system of claim 17, wherein the central authority reconstructs the incident event based on the data collected by at least the first and second media sensors.

24. The system of claim 17, wherein the central authority identifies other devices that may become affected by the incident event and alerts any devices that may become affected by the incident event.